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SUBJECT: OSA/OEL Coordination Discussion of 27 July 1964

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1. Colonel Ledford, John Parengosky and [redacted] met with George Miller, [redacted] to discuss various aspects of OSA/OEL work.

2. The OEL organization designed to provide a better systems approach to development of electronic equipment was reviewed by Mr. Miller. OSA representatives concurred in the desirability of the objectives proposed. The need for close coordination and assistance especially in the Systems Synthesis and Analysis area was recognized.

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3. The ASD organization was reviewed by [redacted] and some time was spent in a discussion of the synthesis and analysis responsibility relating to ASD and particularly to [redacted] Program.

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4. OEL's concern about the interference problem and general complexity of the lift off radar was discussed. OSA/OEL concur that this development requires double monitoring.

5. A similar discussion was held with regard to the [redacted] [redacted] In addition to technical problems, there are some management difficulties.

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6. OSA recognizes the long term responsibility of OEL for the OXCART. OEL's concern for coordination of flight test operations was recognized and the possibility of a prime contractor for electronic flight test and operational support was briefly discussed.

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7. OSA concurred in the desirability of OEL's placing a senior "electroniker" at [] in connection with flight tests of electronic equipment. Consideration would be given to the use that could be made of this individual for E66 liaison and coordination.

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8. OSA/OEL concur that an on-shelf capability for [] would have to be developed for []

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9. The need for some lead time in the development of System 16 was recognized. System 16 lead time may be approximately 18 months, whereas U2L lead time may be in the order of 9 to 14 months. It is expected that Mr. McCone and Mr. Vance will shortly review the NRO budget and the go-ahead may ensue from this meeting. In the meantime, OEL should obtain updated bids on POD and BAY mounting for System 16.

10. System 17 money is in the budget, and OEL should proceed with the development of this equipment in accordance with Dr. Wheelon's direction at the last program review meeting of 10 July. Mr. Parengosky will obtain Johnson's views regarding Aerodynamic problems.

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11. The shortcoming of the [] are recognized. However, it is not proposed at this time that CIA develop replacement equipment. An extension of the loan will be requested from the Air Force.

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12. [] were briefly discussed as was [] assistance to NRO in the drone development program.

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SUBJECT: Meeting with [] **Re:** []

1. The Special Group last Thursday requested [] to provide charts showing more information on how an flight path [] could be obtained. I gave a chart and an accompanying discussion paper on this subject to [] this afternoon. I also gave him a vertical flight profile chart and a short discussion paper on how destruct could be accomplished since questions on these areas had also been asked by the Special Group.

2. [] was satisfied that the material was what was required and will either take it to the Special Group meeting himself tomorrow or send it. In either event, he requested that I be present in order to answer any questions.

3. I suggested some options which might be exercised in the [] Program:

a. Full funding might be provided to proceed with the program as initially proposed.

b. Funding of [] would carry the full program through the point at which radar cross section and destruct tests would be complete. The results would determine whether the remainder of the program should be funded. The Spring launch schedule could be maintained.

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c. The radar cross section and destruct test portions of the program could be conducted separately at a cost of [] and a decision then reached regarding continuation of the program. This would move the operational date to the Fall of 1965.

These options appeared to be of considerable interest to him and he made a brief note of them.

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4. Although not presented in the material I left with [] I suggested a destruct sequence design which would cause destruction of the electronic equipment in incremental parts with each increment dropped from the balloon as destruct occurred, thereby scattering the payload over a great geographic area.

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